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**For: NANOBUBBLE UTILIZATION
METHOD AND DEVICE**

The Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121

This is in response to the Office Action, dated April 10, 2008, in which the application was examined for restriction purposes only. Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I, original claims 1-6, 17 and 33, which is drawn to a method of cleaning an object with water comprising nanobubbles.

Applicants reserve the right without prejudice to file one or more divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications directed to the subject matter recited by the non-elected claims, as well as to any other matter disclosed in the application, as filed, which is not encompassed by the elected claims.

Except for issues payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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